

Operation Mockingbird: The CIA and the Media

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good evening and welcome to open Journal our weeknight look for reality behind the headlines CIA director William Colby testified today before the House Intelligence Committee he talked about the CIA and the use of agents employed by the press his testimony today was the culmination of a story broken some time ago and Robert Krulwich reports on that from Washington this spring in New York City a reporter named Stuart Lawrie spoke to a convention of journalists and told them about a scandal that is two and a half years old that is all but forgotten but he is still going on and here is Laurie describing what he found out in the winter 1973 in november/december Oswald Johnson had a story in the Washington star reporting on the basis of high CIA officials or some such blind quotation the fact that three dozen American News men were either on the payroll or working in some kind of contract relationship with the CIA he went on to report in that story that six of those people worked for general circulation news gathering organizations in this country sort of a vague term but I take that to mean the large newspapers the wire services the news magazines the networks or organizations like that the story said that these six people would be terminated but that the agency plan to keep the other thirty or so people either on the payroll or in their contract relationship and presumably these people work for lesser-known organizations or perhaps trade papers or were freelancers who sold their information not only to publications but also to the agency the story said that these people work in the nature of information gatherers for the agency and that that was all they did and the agency needed them because news men

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agency needed them because news men could go places that CIA people themselves couldn't and with propriety gather information that CIA people couldn't a rather startling story that ran at the top of the front page of the Washington star in fact above the flags spread across the with a banner headline across the whole paper with the exception of one rather weak follow-up in the New York Times the several days or maybe even a couple of weeks later by morty Arnold I there was absolutely no follow-up in the American press and I wonder why that was I I have some ideas on that but I'm not quite sure at any rate one editor was interested in that story and that was Kent Pierce of the Columbia Journalism Review who called me at the end of March and asked me if I would be willing to take a look at that story and I said sure it was not an easy story to get he despite the fact that there had been rumors for years and years and years about the involvement of American newsmen overseas he with the CIA when you started checking out some of those

rumors you found that nobody had any recollection they were all unwilling to talk they all had ideas but they they would not pinpoint people there was only one person who was pinpointed and that was my old boss on the New York Herald Tribune the foreign editor a man by the name of Seymour Frieden and as a matter of fact the Johnson story resulted from the fact that one of the offshoots of Watergate was the blowing of Friedman's cover by Jack Anderson and Les Witten as a former employee of the Central Intelligence Agency well to make a long story short although I set out to find the names of 36 American newsmen who were working for the the CIA I could not find one name I

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the the CIA I could not find one name I did find however that it one point for a period of five years in the late 1950s and early 60s the CIA owned a piece of the Rome Daily American a rather large piece I and helped the the majority stockholder to buy that paper in the 1950s when it was running into trouble because they felt that an American voice and the Middle East had to remain under very plate control I found that the CIA during the Cold War period used American newsmen not only as information gatherers but as misinformation disseminators I found that the CIA had its agents admittedly in foreign news agencies agencies such as Reuters and it saw nothing wrong with that despite the fact that that misinformation that they might give to writers in that way and other agencies would find its way back into the American press I found that CIA agents were getting access to unpublished photographs memoranda unpublished stories I add outfits like the Christian Science Monitor and in some of the lesser-known publications of the mcgraw-hill Publishing Company and I found that despite the fact that William Colby who incidentally was the source of the Johnston's story and was going around Washington trying to leak that story after the the freedom disclosure I found it despite his promise to to terminate the the six people for the general circulation news gathering organizations immediately that in the fall of last year one of those guys if he was a guy I was still on the the CIA payroll I and that nothing was being said about it that was reporter Stewart Lawrie who now works for the Chicago sun-times talking in New York a few months ago we have

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in New York a few months ago we have talked with Stu Laurie since then and with a few others and we can now fill you in on some interesting details about this story since the 1950s the Central Intelligence Agency has used journalists and their editors and their publishers in two different ways first to gather information for the agency and second to disseminate any communist propaganda now the reporters have not always been aware that the CIA was looking at their material some work for some very prestigious paper's like the Christian Science Monitor in Boston would file their stories write memos to the home office their stories would be edited and printed what they didn't realize was that the CIA I was paying visits to their editors Joseph Harrison the overseas editor of the Christian Science Monitor from 1950 to 1961 reported to Stu Laurie that he received regular visits from CIA agents that he showed them unedited copy from his correspondence as well as in house never end up and cover letters that the reporters sent back with their stories presumably the reporters were not aware of this when it was going on Harrison says that his predecessor the Christian Science Monitor did the same thing I inherited the situation and I continued it he told Stewart Laurie and I did it because we were Americans and we were helping out and don't forget this was during the Cold War and everybody was doing it so the CIA reviewed reporters material but it also paid and still does pay reporters to gather material according to a former CIA station chief in Europe this is typically how the arrangement works quoting now from the luery article usually we dealt with stringers or people who work for smaller newspapers the hangers-on we would keep on the lookout for a guy and said who said there was t I know of a really good story and say Rumania but my paper is too cheap to send me there they want to meet a city Paris and file the official communique s so we would see an opening first we would check with our superiors in Washington and after we got the OK we

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Washington and after we got the OK we would get in touch with the guy and say look if you want to go to Romania we'll buy you the airplane ticket and pick up the hotel bill and give you a little cash all the station chief asked in return was a debriefing when the newsmen returned at an opportunity to look at his carbons and at the answer and to answer a few questions in Eastern Europe Stu larae reports these reporters were asked to make observations that would later be helpful to agents on a sensitive mission we asked them says one former station chief to remember whether their passports were picked up at the hotels they stayed in whether the police of a certain city followed them to locate the restaurants where the Intelligencia hung out two and a half years ago CIA director Colby admitted that there were some three dozen reporters on his payroll and he said he would dismiss five of them that's what he said in that star news story that Lawrie talked about the five of course are the ones who presumably work for the big general circulation news organizations according to stool areas of this spring the agency admits only that it's fired for the fifth for some reason is staying on the payroll as for the other thirty lesser journalists they are still collecting fees either on a regular basis or per assignment now just how this admission by CIA director Colby affects the rest of the American correspondence working abroad we can't say but it certainly seems that if the CIA is paying any American reporters secretly to gather information that can help but make it harder for the rest of the reporters no propaganda for years the CIA waded a media campaign in Europe to combat communist propaganda Arthur Cox a former CIA operative when we talked to this week call it fighting fire with fire and as an illustration he referred to Portugal today to the Portuguese press and he said imagine a story appearing singing the praises of a left-wing political figure there presumably says Cox it's a puff piece planted by the Russians to promote one of their favorites we answer back with a counter story describing the same guy as a

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story describing the same guy as a villain and a scoundrel this kind of competition in the newspapers requires extensive payments to European reporters in some cases the CIA actually created or sustained whole news organizations as you heard Stu Larry say in his talk the CIA bought part ownership of an Italian paper the daily American paying between 80 and 90 thousand dollars to keep the paper printing stories that support the American interests in the Mediterranean and a few weeks ago a British magazine timeout discovered in the PhD thesis out of Oxford evidence that the CIA created a British news organization called forum world features it's a Delaware corporation owned on the record from 1966 1973 by John Hay Whitney the former publisher of The Herald Tribune and from time to time supposedly this new service published stories sympathetic to US involvement in Vietnam mr. Whitney says he has no comment on any CIA association with forum world features the editors who may not have known say the charges are false but former CIA man that Arthur Cox points out that some of the missin and propaganda planted by the agencies in the European press comes back to the United States and misinformed us - and he wonders whether the price we all pay in this kind of competition is worth it and so the problem comes up today before the House Intelligence Committee hears chairman Hoda spike to start things off witness this afternoon is mr. William called me who has been up on Capitol Hill before thank you for walked up quite a few bills and down again it seems to me mr. colbey in the last few days weeks and maybe even hours I'm not sure of the perils of Kobe today but it's an interesting subject matter I would like to State before we start not only my appreciation for your being here but my

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appreciation for your being here but my conception of what you have done in the last few weeks and months there is a great deal of commentary and comment about whether or not the director of Central Intelligence has been quote forthcoming end quote and that's the word that is used all the time as to your relations with Capitol Hill I've heard comments to the effect that you have been too forthcoming with Capitol Hill it has been my own experience and judgment that if you are asked precisely the right question you will give an honest answer you do not lead us into those areas which would help us know what the right question was to ask you not make it easy for us to answer the right questions anyone who thinks that you have been running back and forth to Capitol Hill with briefcases bulging with secrets which you are eager to bestow upon us hasn't

sat on my side of the desk and in my judgment you have done a very responsible job for your agency at a time when your agency had great problems and I welcome you back here not as a friend but as a respected adversary and I feel that that is the

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adversary and I feel that that is the relationship which we have had I think that you have the same concept of the Constitution of the United States which is shared by most of the members of this committee and I just personally want to say that glad that you're here and glad that you will sort of see the agency through these next few weeks mr. Murphy short in strong amen to what you just said I've ripped to over the commentaries I found mr. Kobe as you have indicated doing nothing other than his job as he sees it as an American and I think that he's a man of integrity we have a responsibility in this government co-equal with the executive branch and seeing that the rights of Americans aren't violated and I just like to add that I think mr. Kobe is a fine and decent man and I think the president do well to consider his previous actions it is my understanding mr. Colby that you have an opening statement to give us this afternoon on our basic subject matter which comes under your heading of personnel and my heading or our heading of risks and what we are interested in looking at is where the CIA has people stashed away throughout the United States of America and overseas and I realize that some of this will have to be done in executive session but I would like to stay in open session as long as we can please proceed mr. chairman thank you and thank you for the remarks mr. chairman on CIA personnel when they go overseas obviously must go under some other title this is in some cases a title of another agency of the government in some cases is a some other title outside of the

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is a some other title outside of the government for reasons of continuity CIA personnel is and sometimes have to retain that identification while they serve at or within the United States this is this is a headquarters tour and they are not using that cover for another reason during that period but merely to provide some continuity there are certain activities that we have done within the United States that do need some other identification than CIA I think I've explained on previous occasions the need for for covering a security investigation so that it does not highlight the fact that that the person being investigated will shortly become a member of the CIA because we do not want that reputation to be around but I think you have asked to to in particular areas be covered miss chairman one subject of details to other government agency as distinct from the use of other covers other agencies cover and secondly the relationship with the field of journalism generally in our operations with respect to the last part of that the journalists areum's chairman I obviously cannot go into detail as to the identification Zoar the people involved but I think I can sketch a few points there within which we can go into full detail in the executive session in the first place as people equally interested in Foreign Affairs CIA people and journalists frequently run into each other and exchange ideas this had occurs both abroad in our stations abroad and in in the United States in the past year for example CIA has has received in our building for discussions of foreign events still not about a hundred journalists or a

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about a hundred journalists or a detailed discussion and analysis of some foreign situation in that time we have answered something like twelve or thirteen hundred telephone inquiries from journalists about some development abroad some foreign development on which the journalist is seeking the advice that and the judgments of our analysts about that situation I think this is a both perfectly proper mr. chairman and I think it is more than perfectly proper I think is part of the effort we in CIA are making to ensure that our product is useful not only to the elements of the executive branch who need it directly but also to the Congress where we do make much of our information available to the congressional committees and we do this on both a regular and periodic basis and we do it in response to specific requests for testimony on the situation in some foreign situation likewise I think it important that our public benefits from to the extent feasible within the limits of the of the requirement to keep the sensitive sources secret and for that reason we do respond to

these journalistic inquiries about some situation abroad the numbers I gave you are those in which we discussed the substance I'm not including the number of journalists that have been curious about the state of the of the intelligence community these days or CIA or any of those things that's a totally separate category and it's a larger larger total number I might add but beyond that mr. chairman we have over the years used at a an operational relationship with a certain number of journalists overseas we have worked with these people to again to help us on our foreign intelligence responsibilities in some cases they can provide us information that we ask them

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provide us information that we ask them about in some cases they can make contacts with people that it is difficult for an official of an embassy or an American mission abroad to be in touch with and for this reason we have on occasion used people who have connections with journalism for this dis purpose under our own restraints we have been very careful about this and in recent years we have even further strengthened our restrictions on this matter we have taken particular caution to ensure that our operations are focused abroad and are not deal focused and at the United States in the sense of collecting information about the United States or on the other hand influencing the opinion of the American people about things that from from a CIA point of view we have dropped contacts and relationships with journalists and others in the past couple of years where we felt that there was some belief that that relationship could be construed as an effort to influence a major circulation American Journal for example or that a particular project would be aimed at affecting US public opinion through media operations in order to carry out this policy we have a careful regulatory control procedure in our Operations Directorate and our current regulations require the approval of a senior level of the agency when any with any with respect to any action with American journalist or media personality and as a further matter of policy even with those journalists that we do deal with and it is a very small number which I would certainly give you in the executive session this Chairman we do not attempt to influence what they put

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not attempt to influence what they put in their US journals what they do with respect to their own journal is their business and we do not we do not tell them what stories to write or what subjects to cover we do not at this time employ any staff members of regular US general circulation journals you may recall there was some publicity a couple of years ago at which I undertook the commitment to terminate any such relationships and over these past two years we have terminated those relationships we have certain other contacts with people with considerably less connection with with American journals or considerably less of a of a standing as a general circulation Journal and those we have continued because we believe that their material does not affect American public opinion in any substantial basis or that their material is viewed as something coming from the outside and something that the journal has a full choice over whether it wishes to keep it or not turning to the other subject mr. chairman that the subject of detail leaves in common with the other agencies of the government CIA as a program which permits the detail of our employees to other agencies the detail of agency personnel is approved when the assignment is determined to be beneficial to the career development of an individual or where it can make a contribution to a foreign intelligence related activity employees and unfits details normally continue to receive their age the entitlements during such a detail in a sense I was one of those at one time is chairman when I left the agency on leave without pay and served in the Agency for International Development and the Department of State when I was in Vietnam and and later returned to the to

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Vietnam and and later returned to the to the agency I was not undercover at that time I was a detailed reimbursement to CIA for such detail depends upon the individual circumstances of each detail if the employee performs agency related duties or is a participant in a joint operation of a National Intelligence program or as assigned as part of a career development plan then we will be great we will reimburse the

agency that he works for for his services if on the other hand if he moves totally to another agency and works for it on its functions for a period where he is essentially doing their work and they will not be reimbursed during that period they will the receiving agency will pay for his full entitlements I might add here that no such details are effected without a full coordination with the appropriate agency officials in the agency to which the individual is assigned or detailed so that there is no penetration of the detail without the knowledge of its senior management as of the 21st of October of this year there were 104 employees of CIA on detail two other components of the United States government these we were reimbursed for 27 and we were not reimbursed for 77 now there are also times mr. chairman when CIA has a need for a skill from the of an individual who comes from another government agency CIA particularly in its earlier days was heavily staffed by military personnel who were detailed and a number of the senior officers in the armed today spent a tour of a two or three years in CIA at some point in the early 50s also there may be of activities of common concern to the CIA and to another

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common concern to the CIA and to another government agency on a matter of common concern to the intelligence community if these situations exist we make arrangements for a reimbursable or non reimbursable depending on the circumstances detail from the other agency to CIA as of the 21st of October of this year we had 179 details in from such other agencies of the government of which we were reimbursed for 80 the others of course were non reimbursed in the total of 99 I think that gives the overall picture of these two subjects mr. chairman I'd be delighted to answer the questions and to the degree of which I can well I don't know how far we're going to be able to go in an open session but we're going to try huming Otis pike when did you last house and I'll go withdrawal that do you now have people who are being paid by the CIA on any thing which you referred to as a major circulation American Journal we have no staff members of any such Alesana the question the question was do you have any people being paid by the CIA who are contributing to anything which you called quote a major circulation American Journal yes mr. chairman we do we have some who are in the category of freelancer or stringer or something of that nature abroad individuals who are not consider the part of the staff of that room I'm

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the part of the staff of that room I'm not going to ask you the names or the numbers I am going to ask you this however do you have any people who are on the staffs of major circulation American journals without who are contributing to major circulation American journals who you are paying without the knowledge of the management of the major circulation American journalist yes we do strangers who are submitting occasional pieces or frequent pieces to various journal says that we have not told the management about them but they are considered as non staff members of that journal they're independent contractors do you have any people at the present time who are paid full-time by the CIA who also write for major circulation American journals we do have abroad some of our employees who are paid for their services by CIA who also submit pieces occasionally as it's a very small number but we do have people who submit theses to other to American journals do you have any people paid by the CIA who are working for television networks this I think gets into the kind of getting into the details mr. chairman that I'd like to get into an executive session I I think if we begin to break the question down into the component parts we begin to focus things a bit well when you refer two major circulation American journals

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two major circulation American journals are you referring to both written media and visual media yes I do I'm sorry I should have made that clear all right do you have any people being paid by the CIA who are contributing to the national news services and by that I'm referring to a the-- and UPI well again I think we're getting into the kind of detail mr. chairman that I prefer to handle an executive session mr. McClory Thank You mr. chairman first of all I want to ultimately Clarie a Republican from Illinois a showing the House Intelligence hearing at school Washington the line that I am and the news reports that you are willing to

remain on for a while as a director of Central Intelligence in head of the CIA and I want to on a state stayed very forthrightly that I think the cooperation that you provided the information you provided through your testimony and through the cooperation you provided through your agency has been invaluable insofar as the work of this committee is concerned and I commend you for it and I want to personally express my appreciation to you for the very professional very high level and a very cooperative way in which you have behaved as a as a public official and one who is responding to extensive inquiry by the Select Committee of the Congress or with respect to the subject of detailees I my hand in a document which I understand has been Declassified in which you may

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has been Declassified in which you may have before you end up do permit I would like to ask you questions about it it relates to political aspects of an individual who was assigned to the National Security Council staff and if it I would like to confirm first of all that that has been Declassified yes Mr Curry the person's name is Chester Cooper was Chester Cooper in 1964 while serving in the system deputy director for intelligence for policy support in the Central Intelligence Agency assigned to the White House as a detailee he was a CIA employee who was assigned to the White House to the National Security Council staff I believe he worked at the White House with Mr. Majority Bundy on national security matters and during that time he also participated in drafting campaign speeches on international issues which were delivered by President Johnson and by other senior officials as a member of the NSC staff he primarily worked on intelligence matters related to the Vietnam and Chinese affairs which was his specialty at the time during that period he he did assist in the drafting of certain speeches by the President and he also participated in the preparation of a fact book which were on national security and other matters which was used by the Democratic National Committee that is indicated by this report Mr. McClory and I don't contest it does the report also indicate that Mr. Cooper was the individual who in 1964 and I think this was ascertained as late as 1973 that he was the individual who was getting advanced copies of candidates senator Goldwater speeches and delivering them to the two I guess Democratic personnel President

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I guess Democratic personnel President Johnson before senator Goldwater was delivering the speeches I believe there was an arrangement at that time Mr. McCrory by which somebody picked up the copies of Mr. Goldwater speeches which had been made available in advanced distribution for the press and brought them to him they picked him up at the at the Republican headquarters now at this time and the director of the Central Intelligence was Mr. McComb yes who's Tracy Barnes Mr. Tracy Barnes was the chief of the domestic operations division which was the division which was responsible for certain of our foreign intelligence activities here in the United States this memorandum indicates that he's the one that arranged this this activity up who does it worse Tracy Barnes now and Mr. Barnes unfortunately died several years ago now how do you regard this the kind of activity on the part of a detailee Mr. Colby I think Mr. McQuarry this was on the edge somewhere of what he should have been doing and what he shouldn't have working in the National Security Council staff I'm sure he was providing his experience and his assistance to the to the National Security Council and to the president in that position well even though we regard the President of the United States whoever he happened to be is the one who is in charge of the National Security Council into the intelligence community it would not be appropriate would it be in your opinions for a CIA employee to be getting advanced copies of speeches by a and opposing candidates and delivering them president I think that was improper Mr. McClory no question I draw the distinction between that aspect of this

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distinction between that aspect of this report and the aspect of his working as part of the of the National Security Council staff on these matters these the matters that he was an expert on were was such a prominent part of the whole activity of the White House at that time there was probably very difficult for him to distinguish between what was proper support to the president and what was political understands this one

further for the CIA you wouldn't countenance this kind of activity I said you would not countenance picking up speeches and giving them to to speeches by another candidate and giving them to the to the White House no I wasn't playing mr. Dallas thank you very much mr. chairman there was a Democrat from California questioning we included several years several full-time employees of major domestic media instruments were also full-time employees of central intelligence agency I think I can answer that better mr. Dillon's in executive session I think that I would rather answer it in the executive session of fun night well I have a series of additional questions that we follow on to that in executive session I have here our mr. Colby you have further response to that you know I have two books here one is the dentox key papers and the other is the flute class by fragrance what part of the CIA play in writing publishing and or distributing either one or both of these books I would like to discuss that an executive session if I may mr. Delmas I don't know mr. chairman whether it's appropriate to ask a question of rough weather what is your explanation of white black and gray media operations

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of white black and gray media operations would that also be more appropriate and executive session or can you talk about it generally an open session I can describe that this was a a set of definitions that was worked out within the government about 15 years ago more or less white propaganda would be propaganda which is clearly attributed to the to its originator something like Voice of America something of that nature the gray propaganda is material which is not attributed to the originator and which there is some other attribution of the of the hards original origin of the material black propaganda is material which is a derivative to the target itself in other words say a document which is pretends to be we have we have had a number of those kinds of documents which we looked into by a house committee some years ago distributed in Africa alleging to be American Foreign Service telegrams and messages put out to with communist support we are we know that time the document was a falsely attributed to the United States that was designed to show the United States and some bad lighted or other that would be an item of black propaganda Thank You Heba CIE ever planted or leaked stories to foreign press sources and if the answer to that question is yes where any of the stories false or in any way misleading as a part of our our covert propaganda responsibilities mr. Collins we have provided a certain amount of information all over the world implant in the foreign press as the CIA ever ever financed published or controlled at least in part newspapers new services journals or periodicals and formations

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journals or periodicals and formations and if so what was the general purpose again as a part of our responsibilities for covert political and propaganda action abroad the answer in a very broad sense is yes and I would like to go into detail in the executive session thank you have the CIA ever asked us journalists to write a particular story or express CIA selected information when respective foreign journalists and for foreign publication the answer is yes u.s. journalist the with respect to American journals the the newsmen that we were discussing earlier we make a particular point of not instructing them as to what they should write in the American media that they write for have the CIA ever asked the media network or journal to ever kill a story I spent a great deal of my time than earlier this year trying to get that done mr. Dellums I think that that No there have been other times there have been times I have appealed to do the responsibility of the journalists in America not to run a story the gentleman yield basis of my event any times in the last two weeks no something cystic like I've asked this question several times I'm not sure if we've gotten a clear clear answer but can you explain the nature of the relationship between the CIA and Craig republishes I would rather go into that in detail in an executive session mr. Dolan has the CIA ever covertly assisted the publication distribution or writing of any article book or media presentation in the United States Army of mr. earlier comments that I think I really have to explain that in executive session I revert to my point that any activity we do in this field is aimed

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activity we do in this field is aimed abroad but I must explain the details of that in an executive session gentleman has expired mr. Murphy Morgan Murphy a immigrant from Illinois CIA officers are assigned to the BND and its successor the DEA yes there were certain at various times mr. Murphy and how about the dia dia he is the same answer to the Treasury Department yes are these CIA detailees ever asked to report back to the CIA as to what was happening at the organization in which they were detail while certain of the CIA officers detail to those organizations are deep as on officers in which case their function is to make sure that there's a full exchange of information between the two agencies on that job certain of them however are it's time to work in that area for a time and they are given over to the full command authority of the organization to which they're sent were there any CIA detail edom possibly we can only go into this in executive session detailed to cabinet officers in any administration yes certain occasions on a permanent basis a secretarial level or administrative assistant level I can think of one secretariat it was detailed to the White House at one point and an individual later became a cabinet officer and asked to that she assists him in his new job he do he knew at all times when she was of course in her background were there any of the members of cabinets that had CIA detailing that were unaware of their status as a CIA agent or former employee of the CIA well

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agent or former employee of the CIA well as performer I cannot say when they leave CIA and take another job somewhere else the CIA does not follow them not work or make any arrangement as for current employees I mean CIA detailee to us to another agency is revealed through the management of that agency now I think we established the fact that there were some detail Dean's of the CIA detailed to the White House's are correct there are yes and would they be reporting back on a regular basis to the CIA as to any and all activities within their purview in the White House no they I have instructed have instructed at least two or three of them that I know of that they are not to report to me what they learn in that job except that it's an extent that the that their employers their current employers want them to do so some of them as I say our liaison officers and for that reason they are passing on decisions and asking on questions that that they want to have studying from an intelligence point of view our any of your CIA people use as interpreters and high-level discussions between foreign heads of governments in our in our government my absolute general Walters has a reputation as one of the foremost interpreters in the world and he has served I think almost every president in that position he is a military officer he was an attache before an over a number of years but since he has become the deputy director of intelligence he has on occasion served as interpreter could we an executive session find out - well our cinema sector especially Thank You mr. Traynor keen Catrin and Heather came to Louisiana questioningly including all in the 1964

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questioningly including all in the 1964 activity that mr. McClory referred to to honest and this has just come to my attention so I'm not very familiar with the material that's been presented to us but do I understand that the woman who picked up the copies of senator goldwater speeches in the summer of 1964 was an employee of the CIA herself I believe yes employed by the domestic operations division yes who is this woman I don't know the name right now mr. green I'm sure I could find it out do we know if she's still employed by the CIA she's currently retired she's retired CIA employed but she can be identified but we simply don't have our name at this time and is that correct she was interviewed in the course of the Watergate hearings in which I think some of this came up at one point for some reason can anyone for witness table to tell us who this woman was I would I would like to supply the name I don't know the name of fans who will buy the name I will supply the name for the question systems I've missed yes Bobby please you can mercy you detail any CIA employees of which committee or the church permission no mr. Murphy although I'm not sure whether this committee but I know that church committee has some former employees on it but I have no connection with them what the gentleman yield I yield to mr. just ask me observe when you detail people to the White House as this person Cooper was detailed to the White House the president or or the

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White House the president or or the people at the White House are they advised that's the CIA is putting somebody in the windows but the arrangements are made with the administrative elements they're tubes that they send an officer neither credly the way there's not irritate overtly it's very clearly a CIA identification and we frequently are asked to send somebody and mr. Cooper was a good example mr. Cooper was very well informed on Vietnamese Affairs and he went over to help the National Security Council staff on that on Vietnamese affairs especially and then team reports does he report back to the CIA and preliminary report reported at that time to the National Security Council staff I won't say never had lunch with an old friend but he certainly is his lines of reporting and his lines of authority were clear while he worked over there he worked for the National Security Council full of this operation mr. Colby for this employee of the domestic operations division this woman who approved her activities and going and getting copies of speeches as an employee and delivering them to mr. Cooper r2 or through some other channel which ultimately reached Cooper I believe the record indicates that this was initiated by mr. Barnes who is deceased that clue is to say he had to have approval from a higher-up I I don't believe there's any indication that he ever asked for it or or needed it would you examine the records to see if you can find if mr. Barnes left any evidence of where he got his authority to do this I will be pleased to yield of Chairman I am a Larson better questions when asked mr. Ashman chairman just to try I don't know how many questions I can act in open session mr. Comey but just a couple of things about the stringers that have that are working or they are paid by the CIA are those when you recruit people

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CIA are those when you recruit people like that is that it their suggestion or your suggestion do you approach somebody that you think would be useful or do they somehow come to you well both mr. aspen but any such operation is reviewed very very carefully by the Nelson as my deputy for operations this is not done on the say-so of a subordinate officer somewhere and a full consideration is is taken of whether the man clearly is not a staff member of a general circulation Journal or media and secondly that there be no influence on the American opinion and press as a result so nothing that you write you don't try to influence his opinion of the answer here how about a foreign publication that might appear in the United States published abroad but but is distributed in the United States this is les aspin of Wisconsin you could probably say and and of course if a story appears in a foreign publication it might be picked up by a wire service in their career so there's UNAMID story yeah I could be at the far end but that's that's not I think that's a purely incidental effect of the of the activity which is conducted abroad with its objective abroad and with its impact abroad but it is possible even these two kinds of instances is something which has an impact of broader its intentions impact abroad could in effect become part of the United States is knowledge about the subject or yes but on the basis of a number of years experience of seeing this I can think of the very very few occasions on which any reference was made to any such event initiated by us abroad for a foreign target there were very few that one or two that I can recall there was some

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two that I can recall there was some reference to the fact that some event was alleged to have taken place abroad but nothing of any prominence nothing that really substantially mislead the American people or anything of that nature in that these people are primarily then for planning a story abroad or are they also for giving us information - they're primarily for intelligence primarily first and maybe incidentally for planning a story and incidentally sometimes yes now when you you deal with these people do they get briefings from the CIA and would they for example get classified briefings well we would certainly brief them on behavior so that they could conduct their clandestine work safely then so that we would have our relationship and not be revealed in that relationship at the same time if they are covering some particular foreign situation we have one of our officers is obviously going to sit down and debrief the man in the course of a debrief they discuss what some target situation is doing and the the there is an exchange of views of what that means what the significance what events are apt to take place and in the course of that I'm sure some information does go back and forth in the question is the person who is writing a story does he and knowledgeable about what he is doing his role in this thing or does he think he's in fact putting out straight information oh well I

think we've got two things confused now and this is a very complicated area but in the dealing with an intelligence collection agent abroad who happens to be have some connection with journals then we will talk with them discuss within the appreciation of what's going on in that area if we on the other hand come to the idea that we want to have a certain event look as though it's taking place abroad then we

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though it's taking place abroad then we might discuss with them just exactly how that thing should be presented so that it will have its best effect in that forum situation does it possible I mean it happened that the you have on the payroll in some way a person writes regularly for a foreign publication a columnist or something like that for an public oral argument and would it be part of the normal routine to perhaps slip him information and expect that he would therefore write a column from that that information on occasion that is possible and is at the times when the information that you give him is totally fabricated documents made up to look like they were authentic when in fact they were totally fabricated well in fact this that I wouldn't say it never happened but it's a very rare event because if he is going to be successful in that in that activity he's got to develop the reputation for reliability that can only come from him having a good solid base of information mr. Milton this Kevin I'd ask you in a sense reserve my time without objection Jem's time is reserved for the SEC chairman I would like to correct one thing I think I may have misstated in the answer to mr. train certain the question of whether mr. Cooper reported to us apparently the record is that there were reports filed by him as to his activities there in the white house while he was working which were filed with our directors deputy director for intelligence mr. captain Thank You mr. chairman mr. talkie Robert Caston a Republican from Wisconsin CIA employee is detailed to the National Security Council well one one thing for instance we detail people to help run the Situation Room which handles the

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the Situation Room which handles the incoming intelligence we detailed individuals to help on the consideration of some of the intelligence or or covert action problems that take place in some occasions we detail individuals because they are very competent in their field and are chosen so particularly because of their competence that the National Security Council wants to borrow them and use them because of that skill why our intelligence officers from the Directorate of operations the covert part of the CIA always detailed to the 40 committee well because in arms here the covert operations section the normally they they work has been is one of maintaining contact a liaison with respect to those covert operations and an officer deals in that subject and maintains the way on about those but isn't the 40 committee supposed to be advising or at least passing judgment on recommendations for covert operations which would be coming from the CIA in fact it would be coming from the CIA Directorate of operations section the section that they had just left now that the 40 committee is are the principles of the other committee the the officer that that acts as the executive secretary of it merely processes the material makes sure that the right information is at the right time and things of that nature or whether the officer making a judgment about the things that's made by the members of the committee the operator I am one the officer who serves as the executive secretary of the 40 committee I understand these are undercover people right now and that we shouldn't use their names but generally speaking they lead if the DDO go to work with the 40 committed NSC then they come back and they go they stay working in covert

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they go they stay working in covert action now it seems that there's a conflict when you're sending a person from the CIA Anki officer in the CIA he's undercover he then goes to work advising on covert operations isn't there a candy influence decisions well it's not independent judgment in any way he would have a special interest in in one case if the timing was right he could have developed the plans for a covert operation and then next month he becomes the individual advising the 40 committee he's over in the White House with his other hat isn't this a conflict no I don't think so mr. chasm the thing is that you take a man who knows something about the subject matter about which he's going to be working in other words covert actions he

understands that he understands how it works how how they machinery works the operations take place abroad he is detailed over there to do the Secretary's job the executive Secretary's job for the committee he takes a tour there he doesn't cut his ties with his career just by going over there for a time he comes back and gets reassigned to some other job other than that during the time he there though it is clear that he works for the affording committee there's no doubt as to always working for are the members of the 40 committee and other 40 committee staff people aware that their executive secretary is a CIA covert action suit clearly certainly no question about that they know exactly who he is and that he comes from CIA that he comes from the I guess if they're curious that he comes from the Directorate of operations I don't think there's any doubt about that Thank You mr. chairman I'd be happy to yield to mr. McClory I know that there's a roll call vote and I know that we were about to go into executive session I would like to move at this time there's no objection that most of the committee into an executive session I've heard will call the roll

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and they voted to go into executive session to hear more of the story from William Colby we will of course keep following the intelligence hearings on open journal and in special broadcasts when appropriate you've been listening to open journal we're here Monday through Friday at 7:00 I'm Jim Burrell and have a good night

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